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For: AUTOMOTIVE ALTERNATOR HAVING RECTIFIER MOUNTED ON HEATSINK

PLATE WITH COOLING FINS

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- 3. English-language reference 5,949,166 corresponds to Non-English language JP A 11-164538 which is cited in the specification.
- 4. English-language Abstract of the non-English language references 2 is attached hereto.

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5. A computer-generated English translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([http://www.jpo.go.jp]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 2.

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